Illegal trade of nitro-glycerin explosives

1694. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal trade of nitro-glycerin based explosives being reported from Kerala during the year 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details of above cases reported for last three years, district-wise, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the action taken in detail and the number of cases registered as on date;

(d) whether above illegal trade has any, international/inter-State network; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Comprehensive policy to deal with naxalism

1695. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any workable comprehensive policy to deal with the Naxal menace, instead of dealing it piece-meal, bit by bit or sector/State-wise;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) whether Government have assessed the estimated number of the Naxals and districts the menace is spread over, if so, the details of such estimates and their sources for funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Keeping in view that naxalism is not merely a law & order problem, the Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to address this menace simultaneously on political, security and development fronts in a holistic and coordinated manner.

(c) As per available information, the present strength of armed naxalite cadres is around 7200. Parts of 76 districts in 9 States, through in varying degrees, are badly affected by naxal violence. Available reports suggest that the naxalite groups have been raising funds mainly through extortion and levy/cess on sale/movement of forest produce and other commodities.

Compensation to labourers died/injured at Jasola, Delhi

1696. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers who lost their lives and were seriously injured at the under construction mall site at Jasola Vihar in South Delhi on 24th December, 2005, when the loose earth piled up near the site caved in;

(b) whether any compensation was paid by Delhi Administration or by the persons whose negligence caused the tragedy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other action taken for the relief and rehabilitation of the affected workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Twelve laboruers have lost their lives in the incident. Eleven of the labourers who lost their lives belonged to District Malda, West Bengal and one to District Jamoi, Bihar. Two persons sustained minor injuries during rescue operations.

(b) to (d) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has sanctioned ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1,00,000/- to each of the next of kin of the deceased labourers. This has been forwarded to the District authorities, Malda, West Bengal for distribution to legal heirs. The details in respect of the deceased labourer belonging to District Magistrate. Besides the compensation sanctioned by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, land owner M/s India Colonisers Private Limited and the construction contactor firm M/s New Age Buildcon Private Limited have deposited some compensation with Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The